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MAYOR



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ANTHONY W. COBOS
DISTRICT NO. 8

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 2, 2004
1:00 P.M.

The City Council met at the above place and date at approximately 1:00 p.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, John F. Cook, Daniel S. Power, Paul J. Escobar, Vivian Rojas, and Anthony Cobos. Absent: None

This Special Meeting on Monday, August 2, 2004 was recessed and reconvened on Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

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AGENDA

1. Call To Order.
2. Presentation by Terrell Blodgett on City Manager administrative changes.
3. The City Council of the City of El Paso will retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss and take action on any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS

Section 551.074PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES

Section 551.087DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

**A. Finalist interviews for City Manager position (via videoconference).
(551.074 Personnel Matters)**

1:00 – 1:45 PM - Joyce Wilson
2:15 – 3:00 PM - Bernardo Garcia
3:30 – 4:45 PM - James Holgersson

The proposed interview schedule is a guideline for the Council and is not intended to show the exact times during which the Council will be in session for this meeting or the exact time or duration of any particular interview.

B. Deliberations on selection of City Manager. (551.074 Personnel Matters)

Return to Open Session.

4. Discussion and Action on Selection of City Manager.

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Motion made by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Cook and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 1:02 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following:

Representative Escobar was not present for the vote.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
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Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
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Discussion and action on the following:

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(551.074 Personnel Matters)
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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Austin and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Special meeting of the City Council at 1:40 p.m.

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Item: Presentation by Terrell Blodgett on City Manager administrative changes.

Mayor Wardy and all City Representatives commented on the City Manager's role and asked questions of Mr. Blodgett.

Mr. Terrell Blodgett answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

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Motion made by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Cook and unanimously carried that the City Council recess the Special City Council Meeting for a five-minute break at 2:15 p.m.

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Motion made by Representative Austin, seconded by Representative Rojas and unanimously carried that the City Council recess the Special City Council Meeting until 3:30 p.m.

Break and recess was due to technical difficulties with videoconference to conduct the interview with Mr. Bernardo Garcia.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Austin and unanimously carried that the City Council reconvene the Special City Council Meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Motion made by Representative Austin, seconded by Representative Rojas and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 3:29 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following:

- Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
- Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
- Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
- Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
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Discussion and action on the following:

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(551.074 Personnel Matters)
3:30 – 4:15 PM - James Holgersson

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- B. Deliberations on selection of City Manager. (551.074 Personnel Matters)

Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Rojas and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Special meeting of the City Council at 4:15 p.m.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Lozano and unanimously carried to recess the Special City Council Meeting at 4:20 p.m. until Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

Recess was due to technical difficulties with videoconference to conduct the interview with Mr. Bernardo Garcia.

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Motion made by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Escobar and unanimously carried to reconvene the Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.
All Council Members were present.

AGENDA

- 3. The City Council of the City of El Paso will retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss and take action on any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

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B. Deliberations on selection of City Manager. (551.074 Personnel Matters)

Return to Open Session.

4. Discussion and Action on Selection of City Manager.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Rojas and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 1:03 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following:

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B. Deliberations on selection of City Manager. (551.074 Personnel Matters)

Motion made by Representative Cobos, seconded by Representative Cook and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Special meeting of the City Council at 2:15 p.m.

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Item: Discussion and Action on Selection of City Manager.

1st Motion:

Motion made by Representative Cobos, seconded by Representative Rojas and unanimously carried to designate Joyce Wilson as the City's intended appointee for the position of City Manager for an appointment to be made on or after September 1st, 2004, the effective date of the Charter Amendments for the conversion to City Council Manager government in the City of El Paso to the successful completion of negotiations for contract of employment with the City of El Paso.

Representative Cobos moved and all Council Members seconded to approve the above motion.

Mayor Wardy congratulated the City Council for the excellent exercise and applauded their selection.

2nd Motion:

Motion made by Representative Cobos, seconded by Representative Cushing and carried to designate Bernardo Garcia as the City's intended alternate appointee for the position of City Manager should Joyce Wilson decide to terminate negotiations with the City of El Paso.

AYES: Representatives Austin, Cushing, Lozano, Power, Escobar, Rojas and Cobos
NAYS: Representative Cook

3rd Motion:

Motion made by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to authorize the City Attorney's Office and the Office of the Mayor to enter into negotiations with the designated candidate and said negotiations to be effective after the authorizing date in the Charter, which is September 1st, 2004.

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Motion made by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Power and unanimously carried to adjourn this Special City Council Meeting at 2:25 p.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


for _____
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk